

# Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee Meeting

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## COVID-19 Special Enrollment Update

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryland decided to create a new, special enrollment period so individuals and families who were uninsured and especially concerned about coronavirus health care costs could obtain coverage. (As a state-based marketplace Maryland was able to create this SEP even though the FFM did not.)

This SEP is especially significant for individuals who are unemployed or working in jobs without employer sponsored coverage because loss of employer coverage does not trigger an SEP for them.

MHBE implemented this SEP, originally provided between March 16 and April 15, with an April 1 effective date. The SEP has since been extended to June 15. All enrollments between now and June 15 will have a June 1 effective date.

As of March 25

- 34,073 enrollments with COVID SEP
- 22,040 in Medicaid, 8411 in aQHP, 3622 in uQHP
- Close to ½ of Medicaid enrollments in the adult (A02/03/04) coverage group – 10,225
- Highest raw number of enrollments in Baltimore region (City and County combined) followed by Montgomery and Prince George's Counties
- Lowest raw number from Kent County (high Medicare pop)

Age Distribution of Medicaid Enrollments through COVID SEP

< 18	18-25	26-34	35-44	45-54	55-64
6133	3084	4677	3223	2683	2191

Monthly Data Reports can be found on the MHBE stakeholder website here:

<https://www.marylandhbe.com/news-and-resources/reportsdata/>

Monthly data reports are released shortly after the end of each month and include:

- Number of applications by status
- Number of enrollments in QHPs
- % of Medicaid auto-redets,
- #MCO selections and #PCP selections
- Enrollment by consumer assistance type
- Use of mobile app
- (And much more!)



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